



## PATENT APPLICATION

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EXCHANGE-COUPLED FILM, SPIN VALVE FILM, THIN FILM MAGNETIC

HEAD, MAGNETIC HEAD APPARATUS, AND MAGNETIC

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